

THE BACKWATER OF WAR

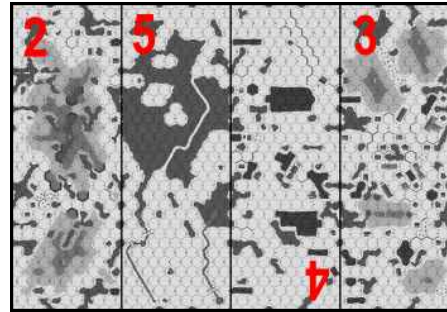
WWW Scenario 88

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NEAR KESTEN'GA, NORTHERN RUSSIA, May 6th 1942: During the Soviet spring offensive in the far northern reaches of Russia, the 8th Ski Brigade and a regiment from the 186th Rifle Division were sent on a wide sweep to the west and south to cut the road behind the town of Kesten'ga. By May 5th the Brigade had advance troops within less than a mile of the road. Here, in the swamps northwest of the town the attack had lost momentum. Losing little time the German command formulated a counter-attack for the next day.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:




VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russian player wins if he has 5 or more squads remaining on any hex(es) of Hill 621 at game end, or if he successfully exits 5 or more squads off the northern map edge between 30I and 3Y1 inclusive. The German player wins by avoiding the Russian victory conditions.


TURN RECORD CHART:

★ Russian sets up first	+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	END
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★ Elements of 8th Ski Brigade; set up on any hexes of Hill 621 (any level):



9-2	9-1	8-0	6-2-8	4-10 B11+	2-6 B10+
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<p>⊕ Elements of 6th Mountain Division "Nord"; - enter Turn 1 on any south edge hexes:</p>  <table border="1"> <tr> <td> 8-1</td> <td> 8-0</td> <td> 6+1</td> <td> 6-5-8</td> <td> 6-16 B12</td> <td> 2-8 B12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	8-1	8-0	6+1	6-5-8	6-16 B12	2-8 B12			8		2	2	<p>Elements of Finnish Group "J" - enter Turn 2 on any west edge hexes of board 5, 4, or 3, as per SSR 88.2:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> 9-1</td> <td> 8-0</td> <td> 6-4-8</td> <td> 4-12 B12</td> <td> 2-8 B12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table>	9-1	8-0	6-4-8	4-12 B12	2-8 B12			6		3
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SPECIAL SCENARIO RULES:

WWW SSR 88.1 All wheatfield hexes are considered marsh hexes for this scenario.

WWW SSR 88.2 The Axis entry board for his turn 2 reinforcements must be recorded before the Russian set-up. He may choose board 5, 4, or 3. Only one board may be chosen.

WWW SSR 88.3 There is snow present on the ground, but it is not "deep snow".

WWW SSR 88.4 The Russian units have skis (rule 114) and snow smocks (114.2). No Russian unit may start the game wearing skis.

WWW SSR 88.5 The SS units are subject to the full effects of DM (14.6). In addition, if at any time there are more than 5 SS squads eliminated all remaining SS infantry are immediately and permanently removed from the game.

WWW SSR 88.6 No bore sighting (78) is allowed.

AFTERMATH: In the next two days the Germans and Finns were able to encircle the exposed Russian units and virtually wipe them out. Having been hardest hit, few troops of the 8th Ski Brigade managed to escape. Reduced to 367 men, the Brigade was nearly destroyed in its attack on Kesten'ga road. The offensive had failed and with it the Soviet chance of a breakthrough in the north.

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